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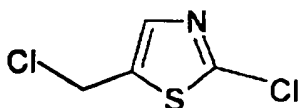
Amendm nts to the Claims:

Kindly ~~CANCEL~~ claims 1, 15, 16, 18-20, 22-24, 26, 27, 29-31, 33-35, 37, 38, 40-42, 44-46, 48-52, 54-56, 58-64, 66, 67 and 69 without prejudice to the subject matter involved and kindly amend claims 2 and 9 as indicated in the listing below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

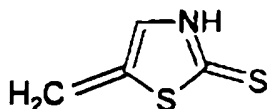
Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (amended) A process [according to claim 1] for preparing a compound of the formula



I,

which comprises reacting a compound of the formula



II,

in free form or in salt form, with a chlorinating agent.

- Claim 3 (original) A process according to claim 2, wherein the chlorinating agent is selected from the group consisting of elemental chlorine, Javelle water, N-chlorosuccinimide, phosphorus trichloride, phosphorus pentachloride, sulfuryl chloride, thionyl chloride and mixtures of two or more of these compounds.
- Claim 4 (original) A process according to claim 3, wherein the chlorinating agent is selected from the group consisting of elemental chlorine, sulfuryl chloride and a mixture of these two compounds.
- Claim 5 (original) A process according to claim 4, wherein the chlorinating agent is sulfuryl chloride.
- Claim 6 (original) A process according to claim 2, wherein the solvent is selected from the group consisting of water, strong organic carboxylic acids, aromatic, aliphatic and alicyclic hydrocarbons and halogenated hydrocarbons, and mixtures of these solvents.